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- 1 [This here is water that I had to buy. I buy water because I can't drink the water here. If they bring nuclear waste here for Yucca Mountain, we're definitely not going to be able to drink the water. It's already so bad. What are we going to do?]
- 2... [The water around the country is becoming contaminated. It's becoming contaminated because of the nuclear power -- nuclear power industry because of the nuclear industry, the water is poisoning us, and we have a responsibility to our future generations to stop that poisoning.]
- 3... [I'd like to formally request that the DOE hold another hearing in Las Vegas because as we've seen, there's a lot of people here who are concerned about Yucca Mountain and a lot of people who don't have the energy or weren't able to make it today who would have been here today. A lot of people who were here in the morning who tried to get on to speak but were unable to speak because they had to go and get something to eat or they had to go and take care of a child -- child, had to go to work so they were unable to speak, and I'd like again request that there is another hearing here in Las Vegas.]
- 2... [I believe in sustainable energy practices. I believe that we do not need nuclear power. Nuclear power produces twenty percent and every nuclear power community is being constantly contaminated. Everyone who lives in a nuclear power community is being constantly irradiated. They're receiving this low-level radiation dose all the time. If we put Yucca Mountain in, these people are going to continue to receive this low-level radiation dose every single day. Why? Because Yucca Mountain only gives the nuclear industry another place to shove the nuclear waste so they can keep making more.
- We need to stop making nuclear waste. Then we can start working on a solution to this problem. We can't solve a problem while we keep -- we keep dumping -- we keep making it. You know, it's like you can't -- can't clean up an overflowing bathtub until you shut off the faucet.]
- 4 [I have a lot of comments about the -- the DEIS itself. I believe there's a lot of laws that are broken by the DEIS. It fails to uphold the treaty of Ruby Valley, and this land belongs to the Western Shoshone. There is a treaty that supposedly is still in place. No Western Shoshone has ever taken payment for this land, and so this land belongs to the Western Shoshone and should be returned to the Western Shoshone, the proper stewards of this land who will ensure that the nuclear contamination will stop and who will also help to regenerate this land and bring the life back.
- If you've gone out to the test site recently, you can see at the test site where the difference between where the prayers have been put into the land and where they haven't, and you can see the life coming back into that land because of the hard work of people like Corbin Harney and other folks -- other Shoshone folks who have come out there.]
- 5 [I believe that this DEIS fails to uphold NEPA, the National Environmental Protection (sic) Act of 1969 because it -- we -- the routes were not stated. By not stating the routes, they failed to consult the tribes along the routes, they failed to analyze the impacts to those communities along the routes, and the people along the routes don't even know that this is being suggested. Some of them do, but they haven't been given the opportunity to comment on this as we have here, although we haven't been given very much opportunity since there's only one day of hearing for 1.2 million people.]
- 3... [So anyway I believe that there has to be more hearings and the comment period needs to be extended longer so that people can get in -- get in and get their -- it should be budgeted, well budgeted into the DOE's budget. They spent 7.4 billion dollars on a hole to nowhere so far and it should be in your budget to put public hearings in every city is affected by this transportation. Every one of these a hundred and

...3 some odd cities that have a hundred thousand people or more who are going to be affected by this nuclear waste.

As we said earlier, people were sitting on their front porch and don't even realize the truck's coming down and they're getting chest x-rays. You know, too many chest x-rays, what happened? You wind up with cancer. We don't want that.

6 We want to keep jobs here in Nevada. We want to keep our -- our industry growing. We've been -- we're growing very quickly as a community here. As Commissioner Williams said earlier, you know, we've almost doubled in size in the last ten years here in Clark County. This is incredible. There's a lot of jobs out here. There's a lot of construction, a lot of electrical, a lot of work out here, and as soon as people realize they're moving into a community where there's a nuclear waste dump, all that money's going to start flying out of here fast, faster than we'll even see it. We want to keep those jobs here. We want to keep people employed doing sustainable things like, hey, there's just a really sunny place here in Vegas. You know, it hardly ever rains. Why don't we build a solar power plant?

MR. LAWSON: Thirty seconds.

MS. SNYDER: I mean, that will keep people employed, it will keep people working.

8 I want to comment. There's been talk about this radioactive recycling. I just want to put that out. This is another thing that -- that these folks are trying to do is slip one past us and recycle metals into the marketplace. All right. We're talking you go to the store, you get a new set of dishes and some new silverware and some spoons and stuff and it's radioactive, but you'll never know, because as soon as it leaves that power plant, as soon as it leaves the nuclear industry, it -- the regulation of it stops. And so we have -- we have the right to stop that from happening. We have the right to protect our future generations.

I mean, we're talking about nuclear waste that for the next 700 generations, 700 generations. Can you fathom 700 generations? I have a hard time thinking two generations ahead let alone 700 generations. This process, the DEIS process, I think you guys -- I know you've worked really hard and I appreciate that you are doing the best you can, but, hey, you could start it over. You could all find new jobs. Talk to me. I'll see what I can do. I know a couple people here in Vegas. Maybe we could hook you up with some other kind of work, because there are other things you can be doing besides bringing this contamination here.

...2 The nuclear power industry has got to stop. This DEIS process is faulted through and through and should be started over, if it's going to even be started again. Personally I think you should completely abandon the Yucca Mountain Project. Return that land to the Western Shoshone. Thank you.